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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee

1. Met with Cyrus Vance and Solis Horwitz to discuss certain points of the proposed appearance of the DCI before the Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee. Mr. Vance indicated that they tentatively had set the appearance date at 10 o'clock on either the 25th or 26th of November, to be held in the Senate Armed Services hearing room. He also suggested the preliminary go-round to take place either on the 20th of November at 4 o'clock or 21 November at 10 o'clock at the Agency.

2. We discussed the question of security clearances and indicated that all members of the staff had access to TOP SECRET except George Bunn who was still in process. It was pointed out that no other persons should be present or have access to the testimony except those with whom the staff had made arrangements with the Agency. This was clearly understood and there appeared to be no problems. It was mentioned that probably Bill Darden of the Committee on Armed Services might be present as well as Chet Wiggin with Senator Bridges and Ed Welch with Senator Symington. Dates, times, places and security arrangements will continue to be followed up by [] with the appropriate Agency offices.

3. The question of special clearances was discussed since the matter had been raised in the Director's office and it was agreed that actually this caused no problem since no special materials would be used by the Agency and if queries were raised the Agency would explain that certain subjects could not be delved into because of the problems of special clearances. It was also agreed that the Agency would work directly with Bill Darden on the question of personnel who would be physically taking testimony and transcribing it. I also mentioned that

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we would like to reserve the right to review a draft of the Director's testimony for correctness. In fact, Mr. Vance indicated that if the Agency strongly preferred they would not take any testimony.

4. It was suggested to Mr. Vance that their physical facilities for safekeeping of information and other office space might be reviewed by professional security people to some advantage. He checked the matter with Senator Johnson's Administrative Assistant and it was agreed we would perform this service for them. In addition, Room 765 of the Mayflower Hotel which is being used as a partial office is also to be included in the survey. Mr. is handling this phase of it for Security.

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